Clantail and Friends

This story is set a few months after Magical Girl Raising Project: Restart

Nene Ono had just finished taking a nice cold shower. It was the middle of the evening, and she was drying her hair.

At the same time, she was looking at her Magical Phone.

She'd received texts from the Land of Magic recently. She usually ignores them, but she wanted to keep her mind busy.

It was a survey, or a form, or something like that. She didn't quite know.

The form asked people to fill out their basic data, both human and Magical Girl forms. Nene decided to give it a shot.

She filled out her name, age, gender, height…

Height…

Well, she knew her human height, but what should she fill out for her Magical Girl height?

She can transform her lower body to any animal, which means she had a variable height. She could just enter the tallest height she can achieve, with a giraffe probably.

Maybe she should enter her deer form height?

"Nene! Are you done showering? Dinner's ready!"

"Um, yeah! I'm coming!"

Nene decided to enter down her deer form's height.

Next categories.

Hobbies?

What was Nene's hobby?

Animals… Nene loved animals. Nene wanted to be a Zoologist one day. Nene has always been interested in animals.

Of course, she loved common animals like cats and dogs. The pets that people tend to have.

She also loved exotic animals, such as lions, wolves, deer.

She even loved the ones people would avoid or kill on sight. Spiders, rats, roaches.

None of them posed threats. They just needed to be understood properly. Once you understand how they behave, it's easy to befriend them.

The truth is, Nene had a hard time socializing with people.

With animals, Nene knew how they behaved, and how they would react when she did something.

She knew where to stroke a house cat to make it happy.

She loved the subtle differences between species. Such as the difference between a wolf spider, the huntsman spider, and the brown recluse.

Every species, every animal, Nene studied, and she knew how to act, how to react, how to handle them.

People, however… were different.

Wildly different.

Even with her parents, Nene often disagreed with many things. Once she thought she figured them out, she was proven wrong again.

People change. People are varied. People can be chaotic.

This comedian's not very funny y'know?

I thought he was funny.

This actress is gorgeous!

She looks… okay, I guess.

So many different opinions, so many different things to think about at once. Nene preferred hanging out with animals.

And differing opinions lead to arguments. Nene hated arguments. It made her head spin whenever she hears people argue, and she never wants to argue at all, either.

She was never forced into a situation where she had to be around people for a long time, but then.

Then she made her first friends…

…That game.

She met three other girls. Girls like her.

Magical Girls.

For some reason or another, they voted her as the leader. What was she supposed to do as a leader?

What's a leader supposed to do anyway?

A pack leader protects her pack, so she tried to protect them.

She studied great leaders in history. They seemed to be very well-mannered, and didn't speak unless they had something important to say.

And so, Nene was often quiet in her group.

But she was also quiet because she didn't really know what to say.

Two people in her group kept fighting. Nene always managed to break them up. Due to her lack of experience, she couldn't help them bond.

Until…

Pechika.

Pechika cooked the most delicious food. It made Nene so happy. It made the other two happy too.

Seeing Leonetta, seeing Miyokata, seeing them happy.

Everyone was bonding together. Nene couldn't break face, but she was happy too. She was glad that everyone was getting along.

If it weren't for the killings, she could honestly call them…

…Her friends.

Nene smiled.

What would they say if they were here now?

Pechika would probably say something like,

"Hey, are you going to eat soon? Your food's not gonna wait for you!"

She wouldn't be scared. Not in a situation like this.

Then Leonetta would come in, Nene imagined she'd probably be busy with something,

"Hang on a bit, I'm in the middle of something, here!"

Then Miyokata would burst out laughing, with her funny foreign accent,

"HAHAHAHA! Ohh you wonderful doll you! Always busy with the little things, hmm?"

Leonetta would turn around and get angry,

"Ahaha… yeah… and you wouldn't be able to pay attention to the little things at all"

Miyokata would get mad,

"E-Excuse me!!! At least I can actually socialize with friends, like Pechika!"

Leonetta would then reply with sarcasm, and probably her tongue out,

"Mhmm, suuure you can… Everyone knows Pechika has good taste in people… so she'd obviously be close with me, not you"

Pechika would nervously giggle,

"Uhh, Ehehe, how bout we all just have some nice dinner?"

Nene looked in the mirror.

There were tears streaming down her face.

She wiped them off, and she began crying silently. She missed them.

Her friends.

She missed them so much.

Nene was sure, if they all survived, that they would be happy hanging out together. Nene wished she had done more.

She wished she had talked to them more.

Nene wanted to redo it all…

…She wanted her friends back.

“Nene!”

“Y-Yeah, mom?”

“You okay up there? What’s taking so long?”

“Nothing, I’m coming down soon”

“Okay, dinner’s getting cold!”

“Yeah… Yeah…”

Nene took a deep breath.

It’s time to move on. Pechika would want her to move on. She’d want Nene to be happy with her life. That’s why Nene took on cooking.

Leonetta would want Nene to move on. She’s always stubborn, and she wouldn’t let something like this hinder her.

Miyokata would want Nene to move on too. She’d be there in spirit, always happy, always laughing.

And besides…

…Nene has new friends now too.

She's become a bit more sociable at school, cooking food in order to break the ice, and try and befriend new people.

It seemed to work. Pechika was on to something.

Also, she has Shadow Gale and Pfle.

They were her friends, too.

She visits them sometimes. Their manor is pretty far away, and they're in High School, while Nene herself is still a Middle Schooler.

Still, the age gap didn't matter. Whenever she had a chance, she was always welcome in the Hitokouji household.

Her Magical Phone rang.

Speaking of Shadow Gale.

Nene picked up the phone. Shadow Gale was on the other end.

"Hello?" said Nene.

"Can I come over and stay at your place for a couple of days?"

No greetings, she just went straight for the question. She wasn't even speaking in her usual calm tone. She's speaking like an average person.

Most of the time, Shadow Gale was quiet.

When Nene first saw her, she seemed angry, distant, and always protective of Pfle.

After the games, and spending time, Nene realized she was only polite and not as talkative around people she didn't trust. With Pfle, she was polite due to her loyalty.

Around Nene, and sometimes talked just like your average schoolgirl.

"What's the rush?" asked Nene.

“UGGGHHH, she did it *again*! She’s so *impossible*!”

“Who?”

“You know who! Can you believe her? I woke up this morning, everything was perfectly *fine*! Then I go to school, and then people were laughing at me, right? I had no idea what was going on. I just assumed, ‘oh wow, people are people’ y’know?”

She was talking quite fast. She must be angry. Was this Pfle’s doing?

“I went to the bathroom, I looked in the mirror… There were drawings… on my *face*! I had glasses drawings, cat whiskers… I don’t even know, then on my forehead, ‘Mamori the ditzy girl’ in whole black marker, can you *believe* her!? God, I swear… Kanoe… She must’ve drawn it when I was asleep, too…”

Shadow Gale was passionate about this. Nene guessed she got pranked by Pfle again. Pfle loved doing that, apparently. Pranking Shadow Gale.

Shadow Gale continued on,

“I talked to her about it and she just went ‘Oh Mamori, I have no idea what you’re talking about ehehehehehehe’, that *BITCH!*”

Oh.

Shadow Gale gasped.

“Oooh my god, I hope she didn’t hear that. Argh, I can’t do this, I gotta… I gotta just leave the house for a couple of days. I swear, she’s just such… she can be so… NGGH!”

“You can stay if you want.”

“Really!? I’ll make it up to you! I’ve got money, I’ll buy you food and everything, Nene! Oh my gosh, thank you!”

“Of course. That’s what friends are for.”

“Whew, that’ll teach her. A couple days without me, she’ll be begging for me to come back. Listen… sorry for ranting a bit. You’re really the only one I can talk to about these things.”

“Really?” asked Nene.

She was shocked. She always thought Shadow Gale was close to Pfle and can talk to this with her.

“Kanoe’s nice, and I’d give my life for her, but you’re also a good friend, Nene. Honestly, I feel like I can be a bit of myself with you. Kanoe did tell me to be a bit more… free, I guess?”

“Oh… well, thanks.”

“Cheesy, I know. I’m not used to just… being me. Anyways, I’ve got my stuff ready. Your parents are okay with this?”

“They’ll be fine with it.”

“Great, thanks so much!”

The phone went off.

Nene smiled.

Shadow Gale and Pfle are really close. They really are made for each other. They were just kind of like Leonetta and Miyokata too. No matter what they say, Nene could feel their bond.

But Nene was glad that they were her friends too.

Nene didn’t want any of her friends to separate from each other.

She went downstairs, and ate with her mother.

She told her that a friend was going to sleep over for a few days.

Her mother was glad for her. She could tell she was happy that her daughter is making so many friends.

A few minutes afterwards, a doorbell rang. Her mother was curious, and when she opened the door to see a high school girl, she was shocked.

“Hello. My name is Mamori Totoyama. I’m a friend of Nene’s,” said Shadow Gale, bowing down to Nene’s mother.

“Nene, you didn’t tell me your friend was a high schooler!”

“Yeah, she is. We know each other, don’t worry,” said Nene.

“You do? How’d you meet?”

“An online game. We played it and Nene and I met there. We became friends ever since,” said Shadow Gale.

“Oh, that’s sweet.”

“I’m really sorry for barging in like this,” said Shadow Gale.

“Oh, it’s fine! Stay as long as you want. I’m glad Nene has friends in a lot of places,” said her mom chuckling.

“Yeah. She’s a good girl,” said Shadow Gale with a smile.

Nene was happy.

“Hey, I learned a new recipe a few days ago. I can make it for breakfast if you’d like, tomorrow?” asked Nene.

“Sure, go for it!” said Shadow Gale.

Nene was very happy.

She had lots of friends.

This is what her team would’ve wanted.

She’ll continue to live on. For them. For their legacy.

For her friends now, and her friends in the future.